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REMARKS

Applicants have provided a corrected listing of Claims in response to the Office Communication mailed March 30, 2004. Claims 1-17 and 33-51 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled Claims in related applications. Claims 18-32 are currently pending in this application. The following remarks are reiterated from the Response mailed 01/22/04.

Applicants have amended Claims 18, 20, 28 and 31. Support for the amendment to Claim 18 may be found for example, on page 1, paragraph 3 (lines 20-23), page 2, paragraph 4 (lines 2-6), page 9, paragraph 34 (lines 28-30) and page 16, paragraph 56 (lines 2-6) of the Specification. Support for the amendment to Claim 28 may be found, for example, on page 21, paragraph 71 (lines 21-31) of the Specification.

Applicants submit that no new matter is presented by these amendments and respectfully request entry of the same.

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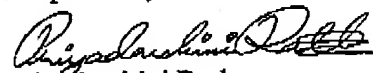
CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Supplemental Amendment/ Response, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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Limited Recognition under 37 CFR 10.9(b)

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